Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—What is the information that is wanted, please?

Mr. K. J. Antony.—The powers of making appointments in the College Department.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—It is the Director who appoints.

Mr. K. J. Antony.—Just now it was told that he has no power.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—There are in the College not only Professors and Assistant Professors, but also there are Demonstrators, Tutors and others.

Mr. K. J. Antony.—My question is about Professors and Assistant Professors.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—Please take the answer for that alone.

Mr. K. J. Antony.—With reference to my question, I must say, Sir, in this connection, that the Government is evading to give us correct answers. At least let us have the privilege,.....

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—There is no discussion allowed now.

Opening of a Dispensary at Arangottukara or Thalasseri.

23. **Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the Government had decided to start a dispensary at Arangottukara or at Thalasseri in Talappalli Taluk during the time when Dr. Coombes was the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer of the State;

(b) how many petitions were received about this matter by the Government and on what dates; what were the orders of the Government on each of these petitions;

(c) why the proposal is not given effect to;

(d) how many dispensaries were started in the State after this proposal was made and at what places were the new dispensaries started?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—(a), (b), (c) and (d). It has not been possible to gather the information called for in the absence of a statement specifying a particular period in the administration of the Medical Department by Dr. Coombes.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Is there no register in the Huzur, which will show the nature of the petitions received by the Government and the nature of their disposal?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—The Member is asking me about registers in the Huzur.

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Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—There are registers in the Huzur for petitions.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Was not the register searched, before this answer to part (b) was given? How many petitions were received by the Government?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—No particular period was specified in the question, and so it was not looked into.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—How long was Dr. Coombes the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—Is that a supplementary question, Sir?

President.—It is not.

X-Ray Department.

24. **Mr. K. J. Antony.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the number of cases dealt with in the X-Ray Department from the date of its opening to the date of the departure of the expert to England;

(b) who manages the X-Ray Department now in the absence of the expert;

(c) has the present incumbent any special qualification for it;

(d) do the expert and the other servants connected with the department take any share to their credit out of the income derived from the X-Ray operations;

(e) what percentage of income the expert used to take and what percentage does the present incumbent take;

(f) is there any difference between the percentage; and if so, what is the reason for the same?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—(a) 493.

(b) Sub-Assistant Surgeon T. Koshy Mathew.

(c) Yes. Has undergone training in the General Hospital, Madras (X-Ray Department) and under the X-Ray Officer in the General Hospital, Ernakulam.

(d) Yes. 50 per cent.

(e) Forty-five per cent of the 50 per cent reserved for the staff; 55 per cent.

(f) Yes. Due to the additional work.

Mr. K. J. Antony.—Has Mr. Koshi Mathew any certificate from Madras?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—I believe he has.

Mr. K. J. Antony.—Do you think that Mr. Koshi Mathew is efficient enough to be put in charge of the X-Ray Department?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—Yes.

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